

MINUTE ITEM

7/12/66

36. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM PUBLIC SALE OF 160 ACRES OF SCHOOL LAND IN DEL NORTE COUNTY AND REJECTION OF PURCHASE APPLICATION NOS. 5546 AND 5547, SACRAMENTO LAND DISTRICT - S.W.O. 8194, S.W.O. 8201, AND S.W.O. 8233.

After consideration of Calendar Item 2 attached, and upon motion duly made and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

1. THE TWO PRIVATE PURCHASE APPLICATIONS, IDENTIFIED AS APPLICATIONS NOS. 5546 AND 5547, SACRAMENTO LAND DISTRICT (S.W.O.s 8194 AND 8201, RESPECTIVELY), AND ANY NEW APPLICATIONS FILED PRIOR TO FORMAL ACTION HEREON COVERING THE NE $\frac{1}{4}$  OF SECTION 36, T. 16 N., R. 1 E., H.M., ARE REJECTED BY THE COMMISSION AND ALL DEPOSITS ARE TO BE REFUNDED TO THE APPLICANTS EXCEPT FOR THE \$5 FILING FEE;
2. THE COMMISSION WITHDRAWS SAID LAND FROM SALE FOR A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FROM APRIL 6, 1966, OR UNTIL APRIL 6, 1968, FOR PURCHASE OR LEASE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS; PROVIDED THAT, SHOULD IT BE DETERMINED AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD THAT THE LAND IS NOT TO BE UTILIZED FOR THE STATED PURPOSES, THE DEPARTMENT IS TO SO INDICATE TO THE COMMISSION IN WRITING, WHEREUPON SAID LAND SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE COMMISSION'S SALES LIST AND AGAIN MADE AVAILABLE FOR FILING OF PRIVATE PURCHASE APPLICATIONS.

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Two applications were filed by private individuals, on January 19 and on January 31, 1966, to purchase 160 acres of vacant State school land in Del Norte County, described as the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 36, T. 16 N., R. 1 E., H.M.

In keeping with the regulations of the Commission, this parcel was the subject of a two-year hold request for possible purchase or lease by the Resources Agency on behalf of the Department of Fish and Game and by the County of Del Norte, expiring December 28, 1965, and by the Del Norte County High School District, expiring January 20, 1966. All of the aforementioned requests to withhold the land from sale into private ownership were waived in writing by the agencies involved prior to expiration of the two-year periods. Following receipt of these waivers, the land was placed on the Commission's sales list and thereby made available for the filing of private purchase applications.

As a result of the filing of the private purchase application on January 19, 1966, all State agencies having a possible land acquisition program were circularized with a notice of such filing and were given a period of forty-five days from January 19, 1966, for a determination as to whether they wished to have the land withdrawn from sale and held for the purpose of leasing or purchasing within the two years, subject to the availability of funds. This circularization was made in accordance with the provisions of Section 2302(a) of Title 2, Division 3, of the California Administrative Code (regulations of the Commission). The forty-five-day circularization period expired on March 5, 1966, with no response received. However, by letter from Fred L. Jones, Director of Parks and Recreation, dated April 6, 1966 (after close of the 45-day period), the Department referred to the original circularized notice and requested that disposal of the parcel into private ownership be deferred in view of its inclusion in the proposed enlarged area of Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park as well as in the plans for the proposed Redwoods National Park. The fact that the parcel is under review at both the State and Federal levels for possible inclusion in these projects is considered of sufficient importance by the Department to justify a request for cancellation of existing purchase applications and withdrawal of the land by the Commission from sale into private ownership. Subsequent correspondence and discussions between the Commission's staff and the staff of the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation indicates the parcel would be included within the acquisition boundaries for a proposed national park, and further that it is included within the "zone of interest" of the North Coast Redwoods Master Plan.

In view of the foregoing, the staff considers it appropriate to recommend to the Commission that the private purchase applications be cancelled and the land withdrawn from private sale for a period not to exceed two years, or for

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such lesser time as may be necessary for a determination that the land is or is not to be used for the stated purposes.

IT IS RECOMMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

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